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This bulletin is also available on the website of the SARL at www.sarl.org.za and on packet bulletin boards.

SILENT KEYS

It is with deep regret that the Council of the SARL announces the passing away of three radio amateurs. We extend our sincere condolences to their bereaved relatives and friends.

Jeremy Greenway ZS5Y, aged 68, suffered a heart attack on Tuesday 15 April 2003 in Johannesburg. He leaves his wife Lilly and daughters Jenny and Sharon behind.

Schalk van Eeden ZS5RW aged 78. He leaves Johan, Janette, Barbara and grandchildren Paula and Roland behind.

Elgar King ZS5ELK aged 85. He leaves Peter and Lorna and Andrew and Margaret in Perth Australia behind.

PAUSE

In the news today:

SARL COUNCIL PORTFOLIOS AND APPOINTEES

SA AMSAT TO HOLD AMSATCON 2003

TWO-METRE WSJT JT44 OPERATION

Stay tuned for more detail about this and other news items.

Also visit the SARL website or contact the SARL office, which is open from 09:00 to 13:00 on weekdays, by telephone 011 675-2393 for information how to join the SARL, book sales and other relevant amateur radio matters.

Clubs and individuals are invited to submit news items of interest to amateurs to www.sarl.org.za/newsinbox.asp not later than the Thursday preceding the bulletin date. It would be appreciated if you could do it in both Afrikaans and English. Please note that the oldaddress news@sarl does not exist any more..

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The news in detail follows:

SARL COUNCIL PORTFOLIOS AND APPOINTEES

At the first meeting of the Council of the SARL the following portfolio allocations were made and appointments made.

Sid Tyler ZS6AYC: President, ICASA liaison, IARU liaison, SA Amateur Radio Development Trust and PMRA; Hans Potgieter ZS6ALJ: Vice President, Icosa Liaison and PMRA; Laurie Devereux ZS5DL: Secretary, ARMI and Intecnets; Bill Norval ZS5KD: Treasurer; Francois Botha ZS6BUU: Hamnet, QSL Bureau and NARC Manager; Karl Canitz ZS1KC: CW Examiners; Kobus Conradie ZR6D: New Technology, DX Cluster, Satellite and Digital; Rassie Erasmus ZS1YT: RAE and Education; John Fielding ZS5JF: VHF Manager, Beacons and Repeaters, VHF Band Planning, Awards and Contests; Dennis Green ZS4BS: Radio ZS Editor, Radio ZS Advertising, Bulletins and Translations, HF Manager and HF Band Planning; Lucas Swart ZS6ACT: Technical, Interference and Modifications, CSIR and EMC (TC71 & 72) assisted by Hans Potgieter ZS6ALJ; Richard Seddon ZS2CLI: Webmaster and SARL Monitoring Service; Kobus van der Merwe ZS6JPY: Club Liaison, Public Relations, Marketing and SARL Bookshop;

Appointments:

Awards: Tjerk Lammers ZS6P; Bulletins and Translations: George Honiball ZS6NE, Gustav Snyman ZS6BWN, Martin Gouws ZS6ABU and Dennis Green ZS4BS; QSL Bureau: Henk Veenendaal ZS6VNK, Martin Harper ZS6MSG, Viv Wells ZS6CAA, Rae Vincent-Lambert ZS6RAE, Ron Caldecott ZS6BHH and Arthur Atkins ZS6AYA; ARMI and Intecnet: Hans van de Groenendaal ZS6AKV; Packet Radio and Digital: Yvonne van Dijk ZR6TBL assisted by Ton van Dijk ZS6ANA; Education: Henry Chamberlain ZS1AAZ.

TWO-METRE WSJT JT44 OPERATION

Hal Lund ZS6WB reports that at 20:00 on Monday evening, 14 April, 144,240 MHz sounded like music with several stations calling on JT44. The Division 4 stations especially have taken to 144 MHz JT44 in a big way and are doing extremely well. On Monday evening stations heard (and all copied very well) were ZS4PV, ZS4SS, ZS6ANZ and ZS6HS. Most are running relatively low power with modest horizontally polarised Yagi antennas.

144,240 MHz is becoming a bit crowded and it is suggested that we start spreading out a bit. A method used in the United States that might work is when you call CQ on 144,240 specify D5 or D10, then look for replies down 5 or 10 kHz as requested and when you hear a reply also move to that frequency.

SA AMSAT PRESENTS AMSATCON 2003

The SA AMSAT Amateur Radio Satellite Conference will be held on Saturday 24 May at the National Amateur Radio Centre in Gauteng.

WorldSpace Southern Africa has in addition to a R5 000 sponsorship for the conference, also made a WorldSpace satellite receiver available, which will be the main attendance prize for delegates attending the conference.

Papers already accepted for the programme include: Weather Satellites for Schools, Reception of weak signals and Getting up and running an OSCAR 40 station. The closing date for papers was Tuesday 15 April.

If you would like to attend this conference visit the SARL Website at www.sarl.org.za for details or send an email to saamsat@intekom.co.za to request conference documentation and regular updates.

RAE ENTRIES

A total of 88 candidates entered to sit for the RAE on the 17th May. The list of examination numbers and examination centres is available on the web site of the SARL. Each candidate will soon receive his examination number and a licence application form by surface mail.

ROAD SAFETY DURING THE EASTER WEEKEND

Many people in South Africa will be taking to the roads during the Easter Weekend as well as the long weekend following it. Radio Amateurs across the country are asked to monitor the preferred Hamnet frequencies and provide assistance when requested. Please drive safely if you are taking to the roads and enjoy the break.

SARL HAMNET CONTEST

The annual SARL HAMNET 40-metre Simulated Emergency Contest was held on Sunday 13 April. The 40-metre band was noisy but it was possible to make contact with stations in the ZS1, ZS2, ZS4, ZS5 and ZS6 call areas as well as 7P8. The bulletin compiler did not hear stations in any of the other areas. From reports received ZS5ZLB made 50 plus contacts during the two-hour session. Log sheets and summaries must be posted or emailed by 28 April to the NARC. Thanks to everybody who participated.

RADIO ZS

The editor of Radio ZS is awaiting contributions for the next issue. This includes items from the regular contributors and news from branches and clubs. Articles can be sent in text format, MS word or WordPerfect format to radiozs@sarl.org.za.

A CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HOME CONSTRUCTION OPEN DAY.

As announced before, a Home Construction Open Day will be held at the West Rand Amateur Radio Club on Saturday 28 June. In order to provide for a variety of technical topics, contributions of a technical nature are called for. It is intended to cover a range of projects from power supplies, transmitters, receivers, antennas, measuring equipment and antenna coupling devices. The Southern African Antique Wireless Society will also be meeting during this Open Day. Should you have any novel topic to present, please contact Sid Gabriel

ZS6GQ, who will co-ordinate the talks for this event. His phone and fax number is 011-867-2039.

BOLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB WEB PAGE

The Boland Amateur Radio Club's web site can now be reached at www.qsl.net/zs1bak

On the website you will find a lot of information about BARK such as the membership list, birthday list as well as many photos of amateur radio related events. Visit the web site and sign the register. The webmaster is Deon ZS1G and he can be contacted at zs1bak@mailbox.co.za

NEXT INTECNET ON MAY 18

The next INTECNET will be held on Sunday 18 May. Diarise the date and get your club connected to the network. Send details of the telephone number to be connected to the Teleconference Bridge and the call sign of the repeater to be linked to armi@sarl.org.za.

NEW METHOD OF NEWS SUBMISSION

A new method for the submission of items for SARL News bulletins has been made available on the SARL website. Visit www.sarl.org.za/newsinbox.asp and type or paste your previously prepared news item in text format into the space provided. On submission the news item will be sent to the various bulletin compilers.

CLUB NEWS

The Overberg Amateur Radio Club held its Annual General Meeting on Saturday 12 April at Hermanus. The previous committee was re-elected, except for Len ZR1VR who was not available for re-election as vice chairman. We wish the team all the best for the coming year. A motion to affiliate with the SARL for a further year was unanimously accepted.

DIARY OF EVENTS

Make a note of the following dates in your diary.

18 - 21 April ZS3BLUE from Verneuk Pan in the Northern Cape; 27 April SARL Presidents Net; 10 May Scopex Exhibition from the SA Military Museum and ZS6NOM on the air; VHF Digital Workshop (details to follow); 17 May Radio Amateur Examination; 18 May SARL INTECNET; 24 May AMSATCON 2003 at the NARC; 16 June SARL Kid's Day; 28 June Home Constructors Open Day at the West Rand Club.

This brings us to the end of today's bulletin which was compiled by Dennis ZS4BS and read by from as a service to radio amateurs, short wave listeners and electronic enthusiasts.

You have been listening to ZS6SRL, thank you for joining us. Also many thanks to those persons who supply news for our bulletins and the amateurs who relay

the bulletins so regularly.

Goodbye everyone.

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